

EDITORIAL

One of the more important sources of Wilson Club funds, other than annual dues, is the sale of back issues of the *Bulletin*. The most advantageous of these sales is the sale of sets or long runs. A shortage of even one back number sometimes prohibits the sale of a considerable number of volumes. Volumes which can not be sold for this reason then become a liability rather than an asset.

Owing to certain unfortunate circumstances, we are now embarrassed by a shortage of three numbers (Nos. 1, 2, and 3) of the 1951 volume. We are especially short of the March issue. We suspect that many members do not keep all back issues on file. These members will be doing the Club a real and important service by returning any of the first three numbers of the 1951 volume no longer needed to the "Wilson Ornithological Club Library, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan" so that more sets can be sold. Members are reminded that increased club funds mean bigger and better future *Bulletins*!

One of the objectives of the Wilson Ornithological Club has always been the encouragement of research, particularly among the younger members. Research costs money, even the small field projects which require the weekly or daily use of an automobile to and from the site of operations. And money is something that isn't always available when and where it is most needed. Several generous friends of the Club have seen this problem and met it in a way which has, we believe, paid big dividends.

The *Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant* of \$100 was first announced in 1947, contributed by a staunch friend who prefers to remain anonymous. The *Pell Fund*, generously given to the Club in honor of the late S. Morris Pell for the purpose of encouraging young bird artists, was announced to members the same year. And last year still another award, the *Chalif Grant*, was announced with the special aim of encouraging and implementing field research in Mexico.

Your Research Committee, assigned the responsibility of selecting recipients, has been impressed with the high quality of the applications they have received. It is an indication of the kind of ornithology that we like to think the Club is fostering. Our only regret is that we have to disappoint so many applicants, but certainly no stigma can be attached to not being selected.

We hope that all members are aware of these awards and their eligibility to apply for them. Your chairman is ready to send application blanks and further information to any interested party. Act promptly, as the selections for the Fuertes and Pell Grants will be made and announced at the annual meeting in Gatlinburg, April 25-26, 1952. The closing date for receipt of applications will be March 25.

Your committee members are: Ernst Mayr, Frank Pitelka, George Sutton, Dwain Warner, and John Emlen, chairman. —JOHN T. EMLEN, JR.

The National Science Foundation has announced recently the establishment of research fellowships in various fields, including biology, as follows:

Predoctoral graduate fellowships, stipend \$1400, \$1600, or \$1700 per academic year, with additional allowances for married fellows and those with dependent children.

Postdoctoral fellowships, stipend \$3000 per academic year, with additional allowances as above.

The National Science Foundation will pay tuition and laboratory fees charged by the institution at which the fellow is studying. A limited travel allowance is paid. The fellowships are awarded solely for the education, training, and development of the recipients. Applications for the 1952-53 academic year are already closed, but those persons interested in applying at some later date should contact the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

The Wilson Ornithological Club welcomes the formation of the Southern Ornithological Society, which was established at Gainesville, Florida, on September 29, 1951. The purposes of the Society are to stimulate interest and to promote research in Ornithology.

Dr. Pierce Brodkorb was elected President; Julian Baumel, Vice-President; David Karraker, Secretary; and Earl C. May, Treasurer.

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THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

There are interested and enthusiastic bird students scattered throughout our land who do not belong to the Wilson Ornithological Club. A large majority of them are amateurs, a fact which doesn't lessen their possible contributions to ornithology and to our organization. The amateurs are, however, more difficult to contact in regard to membership. We think that these people would profit by membership. In turn, the club would profit by having a larger Bulletin, greater influence, and wider recognition. The membership committee cannot possibly search out all of these individuals. Each of you may know one or more persons who should join. Visualize what would happen to the club if each present member were to find one interested new member. The membership committee can function successfully only if the members will submit names to them. If you know of someone who should be a member, send the name and address of that person (typed or printed clearly, with the Miss, Mrs., Mr., or Dr. clearly indicated) to any of the following Membership Committeemen:

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